

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Trumbull

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TRUMBULL, CT 06611

Water Pollution Control Authority
April 25, 2007

In attendance:

George Biagioni, Chairman
Janine Salvey
Donald Aiello
Paul Francese, Alternate
Fred Radford, Alternate

Also in attendance:

Joseph Solemene, Assistant W.P.C.A. Administrator
Neil Lieberthal, Esq., Town Attorney
Lynn Heim, Finance Director
Raymond Baldwin, First Selectman
Raymond Rizio, Esq.

Chairman Biagioni called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES TO PREVIOUS MEETING:

- **Motion (Commissioner AIELLO), seconded (Commissioner SALVEY), to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2007 meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Report

Lynn Heim, Director of Finance, presented the Commission with a report of the sewer finances. Ms. Heim explained that her office records revenue reported by the Tax Collector and expenditures from the operating budget prepared by Mr. Solemene. Chairman Biagioni stated that the Commission would like a balance of the W.P.C.A. enterprise fund. A balance of \$1.2 million was reported in May 2006. The audited net assets of the W.P.C.A. Enterprise Fund for 2006 is \$946,488. Commissioner Francese asked if the operating revenues could be broken out into different categories of revenue. Ms. Heim replied that she could separate out the Tax Collector receipts. Commissioner Francese also questioned the breakdown of operating expenses. Ms. Heim replied that she could give the Commission a detail of the year to date budget report. The budget for the year is \$4,513,006. The in-kind services are part of Mr. Solemene's budget. Commissioner Francese noted that in 2006 expenses exceeded revenues. Ms. Heim stated that there were extraordinary expenses in 2006, and Mr. Solemene added that there was one large failure at the Old Town Road pump station, about \$120,000 in extraordinary repairs at the Beardsley pump station, and the repair at Governor's Ridge. Commissioner Francese also noted that with projected revenues of \$3.3 million and a budget of \$4.5 million, there will be another loss in 2007. Ms. Heim confirmed that money from retained earnings is not withdrawn without a request from Mr. Solemene, and approval of the Board of Finance. Commissioner Francese pointed out that if revenues do not cover expenses, the shortfall will come from retained earnings. Ms. Heim said that because the recorded revenue amounts were partial year and were not yet current to date, that she would analyze the revenue numbers and provide a revised projected revenue amount so a more accurate projected shortfall for 2007 could be determined. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Heim for her report.

City of Shelton

Mr. Solemene received a letter from the City of Shelton granting permission to the Town of Trumbull to install sewers on parts of Trumbull streets that pass through Shelton on sections of Pambar Drive, Cricket Lane, and Booth Hill Road subject to the following condition: the 11 residential properties in Shelton which will have

frontage along the proposed sanitary sewers shall be allowed to connect to the Trumbull public sanitary sewers. Attorney Lieberthal contact the attorney for the City of Shelton, and the discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Monroe Sewer Connection

First Selectman Raymond Baldwin addressed the Commission about the relocation of the Jewish Home for the Elderly to Monroe, which would necessitate connecting to sewers through Trumbull into Bridgeport. The Towns of Trumbull, Monroe and the City of Bridgeport have worked out the details. Mr. Baldwin noted that with the aggressive approach taken with sewers in the next three phases, it necessitates us to make sure we have enough capacity in our system. Mr. Baldwin assured the Commission this is a residential project only, not a commercial project.

Some of the Commission's concerns were discussed:

- a. How much flow? Based on 100 units, flow would be approximately 15,000 gallons per day.
- b. Unit charges? 100 units at the current \$500 unit charge would be \$50,000.
- c. This would be an isolated development, passage does not automatically allow Monroe development to participate in the Trumbull sewer system.
- d. What will stop future Monroe development from connecting to Trumbull's sewer system? There is no precedent being set, the language is clear in the agreement with Monroe and Mr. Scinto that this is a one-time deal. Other deals would be required to come before the Trumbull W.P.C.A. for approval.

Mr. Baldwin requested the Commission come up with a list of items they would like included in the agreement, to be discussed at a future meeting.

Extraordinary Storm

Mr. Solemene reported there were record overflows during the recent Nor'easter. He will send supporting documentation of the extraordinary storm to the Bridgeport W.P.C.A.

Public Hearing – Rate Increase

The Bridgeport W.P.C.A. will raise rates by 10.7% effective July 1, 2007, necessitating a raise in Trumbull's sewer use rates.

- **Motion (Commissioner SALVEY) second (Commissioner AIELLO) to hold a Public Hearing in May on a sewer use rate increase. Motion carried unanimously.**

Eldor Lane

Item tabled from March meeting. After further discussion,

- **Motion (Commissioner SALVEY), second (Commissioner AIELLO) to defer sewer assessment on 12 Eldor Lane for fifteen (15) years or until the home is connected to the sewer system, whichever comes first. If the property is sold before either occurs, new owner will be required to connect to the sewer system and assessment will be instituted accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bid Result – Phase IV, Part B, Contract 3

Mark IV Construction, Inc. was the low bidder at \$15,385,644.85.

- **Motion (Chairman BIAGIONI) second (Commissioner SALVEY) to accept the low bid of \$15,385,644.85 submitted by Mark IV Construction, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Hearing – Assessments

- **Motion (Commissioner SALVEY) second (Commissioner AIELLO) to hold a public hearing in May on the 2007 assessments. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no other business before the Authority,

- **Motion to adjourn (Commissioner SALVEY), seconded (Commissioner AIELLO). Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Francese
Clerk of the Commission